

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising:

storing a custom search, wherein the custom search enables execution of a predetermined search, wherein the predetermined search includes a search of a subset of rows and columns of a spreadsheet;

receiving a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel;

receiving a selection of portions of data from files corresponding to each of the plurality of spreadsheets;

wherein the portions of data comprise results of the custom search within the plurality of spreadsheets; and

executing automated consolidation of the portions of data, wherein the automated consolidation comprises:

retrieving the portions of data;

generating a final report spreadsheet;

appending the portions of data to the final report spreadsheet; and

appending information identifying sources of the portions of data to the final report spreadsheet.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the portions of data include at least one workbook.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the portions of data include at least one worksheet.

5. (Cancelled).
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving a selection of portions of data further comprises receiving, via the graphical control panel, a selection of at least one of ~~rows, columns, cells, tables~~, filenames, workbook names, worksheet names, and spreadsheet names of at least one file included in the plurality of spreadsheets.
7. (Cancelled).
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically appending additional data to the final report spreadsheet, wherein the additional data is not within the plurality of spreadsheets.
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions to:
receive a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets via a graphical control panel, the graphical control panel comprising a spreadsheet selection area that includes a select all open workbooks selection to enable a search of all open workbooks, wherein the selection of the plurality of spreadsheets comprises all open workbooks when the select all open workbooks selection is selected;
receive a selection of first portions of data from the plurality of spreadsheets via the graphical control panel;
identify second portions of data from the plurality of selected spreadsheets via a predefined search; and
generate a final report comprising:
the first and second portions of data[[.]]; and
workbook names to designate where the first and second portions of data were originally located.
11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) A multiple spreadsheet data consolidation system comprising: a computer readable storage medium encoded with computer executable instructions, the computer readable storage medium including a controller, the controller including a custom search module adapted to execute a predefined search to identify desired portions of data;

wherein the controller is adapted to:

display a graphical control panel on a monitor, the graphical control panel comprising a spreadsheet selection area to receive a selection of a plurality of spreadsheets that include the desired portions of data, wherein the spreadsheet selection area comprises a select all open spreadsheets selection to select execution of the predefined search on all open spreadsheets;

generate a final report spreadsheet;

append the desired portions of data to the final report spreadsheet; and

append information spreadsheet names identifying sources of the desired portions of data to the final report spreadsheet.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the spreadsheet selection area comprises a workbook selection area.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet selection area.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet subset selector.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the graphical control panel further comprises a status indicator.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the graphical control panel further comprises an event logger adapted to track generation of the final report spreadsheet and to report the tracking during generation of the final report spreadsheet.
20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the spreadsheet selection area comprises a window to receive the selection of the plurality of spreadsheets.
21. (Cancelled).
22. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 10, further comprising computer executable instructions to allow a user to define the predefined search.
23. (Cancelled).
24. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the additional data includes workbook names that designate original locations of the portions of data.
25. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the additional data includes spreadsheet names to designate where the portions of data were originally located.
26. (New) The system of claim 12, wherein the graphical control panel is a consolidation tool.